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SUBJECT: SWIFTSHIPS, INC.

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF SWIFTSHIPS, INC, MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, VISITED DEPT. ON JULY 13 TO DISCUSS FAILURE OF AEROTRADE TO FULFILL ITS CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX 65 FOOT PATROL CRAFTS FOR GOH. SWIFTSHIPS HAS DELIVERED AND HAS BEEN PAID FOR THREE BOATS AND HAS COMPLETED TWO MORE, LAST BOAT IS 50 PERCENT COMPLETE. SWIFTSHIPS CONTENTS AS AEROTRADE IS AGENT OF GOH LATTER IS LIABLE FOR OUTSTANDING DEBT OF APPROX. \$676,000. SWIFTSHIPS CLAIMS THAT IF MATTER NOT RESOLVED SOON, COMPANY MAY GO BANKRUPT.

2. CASE HAS EVOKED INTEREST OF SENATOR LONG'S OFFICE AND LONG HAS SENT TELEGRAMS TO FONMIN RAYMOND, FOURCAND AND FRANCISQUE REQUESTING ACTION FROM GOH. LONG'S OFFICE HAS ALSO CONTACTED PHIL KING, GOH'S SUGAR LOBBYIST, WHO WILL PRESENT MATTER TO FRANCISQUE AT SCHEDULED MEETING IN PORT-AU-PRINCE JULY 30.

3. ON JULY 17, DEPT. ASKED AMB. CHALMERS TO INFORM
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GOH OF CASE AND ASK THEIR INTENTIONS RE THREE REMAINING

VESSELS. TO DATE, CHALMER HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE AS TO INTENTIONS OF GOH WITH

RESPECT TO REMAINING THREE BOATS, AND AS TO WHETHER GOH HAS PAID AEROTRADE FOR THEM. EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION MIGHT INFORM GOH THAT IF SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO SWIFTSHIPS NOT ARRIVED AT SOON, SWIFTSHIPS LIKELY TO TAKE LEGAL MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS UNDER CONTRACT AND THAT USG HOPES THAT MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED TO SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES. ROGERS

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